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Conference, 1871. Also P.S. Carl Scott, Mrs. John S. Corbitt,
& Mrs. George Glendon.



In 1853, the Methodists bought one acre of land from Miss Wella F. Clark for two hundred dollars, for the new church which they anticipated building. This site is located on the main highway, Route # 219, leading through the town of Hillsboro.

The deed: May 30, 1853 between Wella F. Clark of the first part and Geo. Hill, S. B. J. Harrison, Jno. W. Beard, W. W. Callison, Samuel Goldridge, W. A. Overholt, H. W. Hill & A. W. Moore, Trustees of Wesley Chapel L. M. Church South, of the second part, one acre of land in the town of Hillsboro adjacent to the lands of Dr. J. A. Larew, for a place of divine worship for the use of the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

This beautiful modern frame building was started in 1899 and completed and dedicated in 1900. The contractor was Mr. Stewart Knapp. The Rev. J. L. Mills was pastor at the time the work on this church was started but Rev. J. W. Whitesell was on the circuit when the church was completed and dedicated. Rev. Pettyman preached the dedicatory service. The Rev. J. W. Martin was presiding elder at that time.

The church building on the Hill beside the parsonage is over 100 years old and was built for a recreation room. The building has been torn down many years ago. The first recreation building at Hillsboro owned by the Methodist Church was built in Pochohontas County. In the year of 1871

of them. The deed for the lot on which the personage
stands was made in 1847. The deed recorded in Book 100
No. 1, page 30: Between Nathaniel Minnison of one part
of the one and a half acre owner, Nathaniel Minnison, John Hill, Abram Hill,
John S. Jackson, John Wooddell, James Calless and William
Hill, Trustees, in trust for uses and purposes hereinafter
mentioned, one acre adjoining the lands of James Lewis and
Samuel Poage, in trust that they shall erect or cause to
be erected and built thereon a personage or presbytery house
for the use of the ministers of the Methodist Episcopal
Church. I have been unable to find the exact date that
the personage was built but it must have been built soon
after the deed was made. The personage is in the same
location today. However, the building has been remodeled
and is now a modern building with well taken care of grounds.

There has been a Sunday school in this church ever
since anyone can remember hearing about. Mr. Joel Hill was
the first Sunday school superintendent that anyone can re-
member, but several old people have told me that there was
a Sunday school before Mr. Hill was dect.

The dect. of the Sunday school at the present time is
Mr. John C. Anderson, and the enrollment is about one hundred.

When the churches were united, the Missionary and the
aid societies were reorganized into the Women's Division of
the church. Mrs. Carl Beard is the president. This
is a very active organization. It keeps up the personage
and also the grounds, of the church. The personage

does its bit toward the upkeep of Merritt College in Nash-
ville, Tenn. Last year they sent ten dollars to Catherine
Lyle and Virginia Payne Neal, Missionaries to Africa and
Loren.

Information:

Mr. Geo. Clendenen
Mrs. James Marshall
Mrs. Carl Beard